

Family Life

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Tune's Notes

For over twenty years I have worked with Amazing Grace International. Many of you know that charity for its work in educating underprivileged children in Vietnam. But older than that project is our Bible study program in this country.

Since about 1989, we have been advertising a Bible course every week in the newspaper USA TODAY. Between 1997 and this week, we have serviced over ten thousand students across the United States. Over 700 new students have signed up this year alone.

We completed two important projects this year: First, we began advertising *twice* a week in USA TODAY. Second, we completed our website and have made it a lot easier for students to take the course online (if you haven't tried it, give it a whirl at www.gracewords.org). Still, the majority of students prefer the paper, mail-in, course and the increased ads and responses have challenged our resources. We have a need for the following volunteers:

- * Someone to open mail and sort courses into current students and new students. This must be done at least once a week, can take about an hour, and can be done at home.
- * Volunteers to grade the paper courses. This requires at least an hour of time each week and must be done every week. You may do the grading at home. You will be assisting Jim Shoenhard in the grading. (Marilyn McDermitt and Lynda Eubank are currently filling Jim's role while he is away.)
- * Someone to enter the grades in our computer. You must have internet access for this work and have your own computer OR, be willing to come to the church building and use one here. You must be comfortable navigating databases and dealing with a remote server for this task. You will be assisting Yvonne May.
- * Someone to package new lessons, place postage and put them in the mail. This likewise takes an hour a week and must be done at the building.
- * Someone to undertake answering correspondence.

If you can help, pick a task and let me know. This is a super way to be involved in teaching the Bible.

Love you all.
Mike



The purpose of our Youth Ministry is to equip our students to hear God's call to ministry, reach out to unbelieving students and bring them into a community that praises God's Holy name.

As a follow up to the Ministry Fair I am reviewing the purpose of our Youth Ministry. A couple of weeks ago we saw the Biblical foundation for the purpose and the 5 components that make up the purpose (Equipping, Ministry, Reaching, Praise, Community). Last week we explored the purpose of reaching or evangelism. Today we are going to look at the purpose of equipping or discipleship.

Equipping (Discipleship) "Teaching them to obey everything I (Jesus) have commanded you" (Matthew 28.20)

The purpose of equipping, or discipleship, is teaching both believers and unbelievers from the Bible about God's redemptive power. Another aspect of the purpose of teaching is to help students explore the Bible in order to apply the messages in the stories, letters, prophecies and revelations found in it.

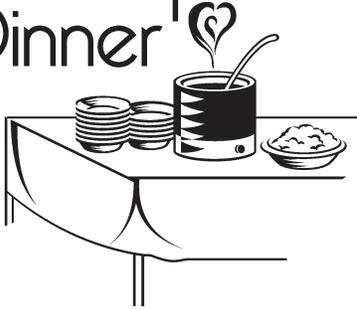
Our Youth Ministry also encourages our teens and students to study on their own and with their families. By using "Weekly Updates" emailed each week highlighting what was studied on Sundays and teaching students spiritual disciplines they will be able to carry the classroom experience home.

It is important for student to study the Bible so that they will learn the way God wants them to live. It is also important to discover how God is at work in our lives and the world.

To fulfill this purpose we use each of our meeting times/Bible classes very intentionally. During Sunday Night Live we are exploring and learning about spiritual disciplines we can use to deepen our faith and walk with the LORD. On Wednesday nights we have been reading and discussing "The Case for Christ" and "The Case for Faith". Finally on Sunday mornings we are looking closely at the Sermon on the Mount. Each meeting has helps our teens and students to be equipped to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God.

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Fellowship Dinner



Our **2nd Sunday Fellowship of November** will be held next Sunday, Nov. 11 immediately following the morning assembly. This will be a traditional potluck dinner, so each family is requested to bring a main dish plus a side dish OR a salad (green leafy, potato, macaroni, gelatin, etc.) OR a dessert.

The “duty groups” for this event will be **Group 2 - Potomac Heights under Jerry & Peggy Williams** with coordinators **Mark & Staci Shannon**, and **Group 5 - Burke Springs Lake under Heather Jones** and coordinator **Jennifer Krause**.

As is our tradition, there will be **NO EVENING SERVICE** that day.



The Missions Committee will meet Sunday, Nov. 11, after the fellowship dinner.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Set for Nov. 18, Followed by Adult Education Committee Meeting

The Education Committee will host and provide all food and drink for a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, November 18 in the Fellowship Hall

immediately following morning worship service. This is not a pot-luck dinner.

We want all of our teachers to come and enjoy lunch, in appreciation for all they do throughout the year. All

teachers (children’s, youth and adult classes), assistants, nursery and cradle roll volunteers, children’s worship volunteers, Lads to Leaders adult mentors, youth chaperones, women’s bible study teachers and all others who assist in the spiritual development of our church as teachers are invited to this luncheon in their honor.

Please RSVP to Scott Mills. The Adult Education Committee members will meet immediately following the appreciation luncheon.



Two of our Elders are available after the morning assembly, in room 221 on the main level, to meet with anyone who would like prayer for special concerns.

Deacons, Ministry Leaders 2013 Budget Sheets Due Today; Meeting Scheduled for Nov. 17

Treasurer **Ben Bohannon** has distributed all the budget sheets, and all deacons and ministry leaders are requested to return their 2013 budget proposal forms to Ben by this Sunday, Nov. 4, according to **Matt Bennsky**, Deacon for the 2012 annual **Budget Meeting** set for Nov. 17. The meeting will



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be held from 8:30 am to noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Matt noted that the storm last week and the men’s retreat over the weekend may have caused delays in responding to the budget proposal deadline. He says, “If you cannot [complete and turn in your forms this Sunday], I ask that you please scan a filled out copy and send Ben and me a PDF version as soon as you can, with hardcopy to follow. That will help keep things moving forward.”

22nd Annual Harvest Festival Set for Sunday, November 18 During Evening Assembly

Our **22nd Annual Harvest Festival** is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 18, during the evening assembly.

It is a familiar and well loved ritual, particularly since it coincides with the Thanksgiving season when we are most aware of the bounty of blessings that we enjoy.

But it is far more than just a ritual. It is a special way for all of us at Falls Church to become personally involved in the greater community around this building.

It would be easy - all too easy - for us to contribute money or gift cards or just bring in bags of grocery items and drop them at the Food Pantry door. That would be a lot less work than what we do. But then - we wouldn't be blessed in the same way that we are through this annual rite.

This Festival provides all of us, from small children to seniors, the opportunity to be involved in this vital

ministry to area residents. That is the reason our Elders have dedicated an entire service to this occasion.

This is how the festival works.

❖ Each family is asked to bring at least one bag (more if possible) of staple food items. **Beginning next week, the bulletin will have a list of food items.**

Please take that list with you when you shop, and please try to limit your purchases to that list!

❖ Bring these bags to the Fellowship Hall **by 6 pm.**

❖ Children will unload the bags, leaving the food items spread all over the floor.

❖ Members will line up, in two columns on either side of the hallway between the Fellowship Hall and Room 121 where the Food Pantry is located. They will then move the items hand by hand to Room 121.

❖ Workers in 121 will collect the items and stuff the Pantry for the coming year.

November 11 Is Designated “Orphans Sunday” for Orphan’s Lifeline

Founded in an RV barn in Kalispell, MT, in March 2000, Orphan’s Lifeline now operates or contributes to the support of over 20,000 children in more than 100 orphanages located literally around the world.

Starting with a sense of urgency to help children in poorer areas of the Khabarovsk area of eastern Russia, the program now includes India, Uganda, Kenya, The Philippines, Pakistan, Mexico and Haiti.

And November 11 is designated “Orphans Sunday” to provide a special opportunity for Christians around the country to contribute to the funding for this critical need. Although there won’t be a “special” or separate collection, all members may write a check, payable to “Lifeline of Hope” and give it to any of the Elders.

According to their website, “There are a staggering number of orphans worldwide; over 143 million children are considered orphan's by one definition or another. There are many uncared for that live on the streets, in landfills and sewer systems. Often orphan children that are not cared for turn to lives of crime, are subjected to human trafficking, prostitution, child labor and worse, often these children die of starvation, malnutrition or other preventable diseases.”

Co-Founders Jim & Elma Miller were on a mission to Far East Russia where they worked to establish congregations and help promote adoptions. That was how they learned of the conditions in which children lived, since the financial resources in post-Soviet Russia were so limited. They started Lifeline of Hope with just a few Church of Christ donors, but they quickly recognized the full - and horrifying - scope of the need.

The other co-founders are Dave and Alaina Board and Greg and Laurie Timmons. Established as Lifeline of Hope, in 2009 change the operating name of Orphan’s Lifeline of Hope.

Caring for orphans is far more than just a “good thing” to do. All of us are familiar with this scripture from James 1:26-27: “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

Orphan’s Lifeline does more than collect funds for distribution to orphanages. It also provides multiple areas for giving and for involvement from Christians, and for sustainable development and growth for the children. Following is a photo from the Freshfire Home in Uganda. The children planted and nurtured a much-needed garden, and they protected it from neighboring chickens by constructing a simple fence made from recycled mosquito netting and sticks.



Their website adds, “People, including children living in poverty are every bit as smart as we are, they just need to have their basic needs fulfilled to unlock their potential! Take away the need to focus on just surviving...and they start thriving. Praise God for His infinite wisdom!”



Partner to Partner is a special relationship between an orphanage and a group of donors. Gift boxes include both essential items and items for pleasure.

(at right) A bike brings as much joy other places as it does here in the USA.



This year you can order your holiday greeting cards from www.hopeartgreetings.com - and support orphans at the same time!

Christmas smiles at an orphanage (at right). What better way to celebrate that holiday?



Prayer Reminders:

Erin Adams & family, Blanca Alvarez, Haldon Arnold, Lynn Barham, Jason Bates, John Bowden & Kathy Bowden and Kathy's granddaughter Reagan, ValJean DeLong, Eloise Fishback (at Manor Care, address on board), Winnie & Desiree Flint, Larry Goodrich and his family, Jami Harbin, Frances & Ed Harris, Diana Kuhn & her sister Melinda Anderson and nephew Jeff Kuhn, Marilyn McDermett, Joshua McKay & his mother Dawn & sister Rindy (needs job), Alma Milligan, Augustino Olango, Jim Petty, Lee, Mariko & Elena Price, Linda Reagan, Bess Smith, Candice Spiess, Ellie & Don Thie, Barbara Thompson, Erica Walker-Chenevert, Roxie Weese, Susan Weese, Ken & Lesya Yeatman.



Good News:

Dorothy Eckert's brother **Rick** has received his test results, and all are negative. We praise God for this outcome.

Marie Truehart, Christal Pendergrass' Mother, has completed radiation treatment and is now on medication.

Prayer Requests:

Kenneth Arevalo asks prayers for his father **Jose** who is experiencing symptoms of heart trouble, although so far all tests have proved negative.

Ruth Bensky underwent tests last week to determine the cause of shortness of breath. She requests no calls or visits at this time.

John Bowden continues to deal with an infection and anemia which have caused fatigue.

Winnie Flint asks prayers for her daughter **Debbie Seal** who is dealing with severe problems with her leg, including an infection and a possible knee replacement. Winnie's brother **John Kline**, continues to take limited medicines but declines chemotherapy.

Ellen Horgan is scheduled for surgery Tuesday at Duke Hospital in North Carolina.

Heather Jones asks for prayers for **Christine Henderson**, the mother of a good friend. Christine is suffering from Alzheimer's and her health is declining so that she must be moved to a facility with greater care.

Rollin Scandlen, the 3 1/2 year old son of **Ben & Mandy Scandlen**, will undergo very serious brain surgery Nov. 14 at the Children's National Medical Center in the District. This procedure will allow Rollin's skull to grow and relieve pressure on his brain.

We pray for the safety of loved ones serving in dangerous locations: Jeremy Sims (Afghanistan), Shevon Boykins-Saide & Justin Cauthen.



With
Sympathy

Funeral services were held Friday for our brother **Ed Harris** who passed away Oct. 25 after an extended illness. Our prayers are with his wife **Fran Harris**.

Continuing Concerns

NOTE: To keep this list current, names will be published for three weeks then removed unless office is requested to continue.

Joseph, recovering from stroke (friend of **Habtu Zemech**, 10/21);

Sean, seriously ill (friend of **Richard Bowles**, 10/21);

David Benson, recovering from severe injuries (grandson of **Francis Harris**, 10/28);

Jared Bigman, 22 & a JMU student, chemotherapy (friend of **Abby Smith**, 11/4);

Blayden, prayers that he will be placed in a loving, caring foster home and that his mother **Krista Pinta** will seek help (friends of **Renee Hoppis** & her son **Eric**, 11/4);

Mary Boyce, not doing well; **Thomas Garlon**, cancer; **Vanessa Lovejoy**, doing very well; **Dottie Waffer**, second battle with breast cancer; **Darlene Walker**, improving but unable to live alone; **Angela Watson**, improving; **Brenda Woolridge**, improving from stroke; **Bobbie Pegues**, dealing with infection & her husband **Will Pegues** who also is sick (friends or relatives of **Erica Walker-Chenevert**, 10/28);

Clarence Buchanan, on hospice care, and his wife **Inez** and daughter **Tina Bell** as they care for him [address on board] (friends of **Kevin Thie**, 10/21);

Francis Dasher, recuperating at home after a stroke [address on board] (brother of **Steve Dasher**, 11/4);

Ollie Dickerson, health is deteriorating; **Adina Parsons**, to have corrective surgery; **Darshay**, a 5-year-old who has been assaulted (Great Aunt, cousin and 2nd cousin of **Adria Owens**, 10/28);

Randy Ellenberg (husband of **Marsha De La Cruz's** cousin **Christie**), undergoing aggressive cancer treatment; **John Lance** (friend), possible cancer (10/14);

Claudia Lopez Espinoza, chemotherapy for returned cancer (niece of **Ignacio Espinoza**, 10/28);

Deloris Freeman, dialysis (friend of **Vickie Witt**, 10/21);

Carol Golden, hospitalized during aggressive therapy for lymphatic cancer (former member, 10/28);

Carl Green, cancer (friend of **Sylvia Sartori**, 10/28);

Nadine Grigsby, stroke (mother of **Susan Smith**, 11/4);

Helen Harris, repeated health issues (mother of **Benita Harris**, 10/14);

Geri Holland, recovering from surgery (sister of **Martha Ashley**, 10/28);

Becki (May) & Chuck Kerry, both recovering from accidents (daughter & son-in-law of **Perry & Yvonne May**, 10/21);

Etta Lilly, recovering from surgery, and her husband **Zane**, health issues [address on board] (former members & parents of **David Lilly**, 11/4);

James McCallum, who has experienced a long series of severe health problems, and for his wife **Stephanie** as she cares for him & works (friends of **Mary Jo Allmond**, 10/28).

Steve Pigg, dealing with liver failure and related complications (son of **Bob Pigg**, 10/21);

Rhoda Rosen, on hospice care (mother of **Scott Rosen**) & **Laurie Whiteman**, recovering (friend of **Scott & Susan**, 10/28);

Bertha Sullivan, health issues (grandmother of **Jean Doran**, 11/4);

Linda Weatherly, seeking new cancer treatments, and her husband, **Joe Ramirez**, scheduled for shoulder surgery but whose cancer is in remission (friends of **Anna Souza**, 10/28);

John Whalen, declining health (father of a co-worker of **Dorothy Eckert**, 10/21);

Belinda Wynkoop, serious health problems, and her mother **Ilean** (former members, 10/28).

General Information

For Children:

❖ An attended nursery and a nursing mother's room -- located adjacent to the Assembly Center -- are available during our assembly.

❖ For ages 2 through pre-kindergarten year, Children's Worship is conducted in rooms 223 and 221. Children are dismissed after communion.

Recordings: Recordings of sermons at Falls Church are available for no charge on our web site after about four days. Recordings also are available in CD format for \$5.00 and may be ordered by completing a CD order envelope located in the foyer.

Assistive Listening System:

Personal sound receivers are available for hearing enhancement in our Assembly Center. Our ushers will be happy to supply one of these aids for your convenience upon request.

Nursery Attendants

November 4, 2012

Morning	Evening
Agnes Jones	Sylvia Sartori
Kristine Spraker	

November 11, 2012

Morning	Evening
Sally Dasher	NO EVENING
Staci Shannon	SERVICE

Children's Worship

November 4, 2012

2/3 A. Venkatesan, Aketa Simmons
P-K Misty Marshall, D. Haukkala

November 11, 2012

2/3 A. Venkatesan, Aketa Simmons
P-K Misty Marshall, Denise Haukkala

Worship Today, November 4, 2012

<i>Hymn #729</i>	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>
<i>Hymn #777</i>	<i>Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer</i>
Prayer	Mark Dawson
<i>Hymn #314</i>	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>
Communion/Collection	Peter Franco
<i>Hymn #586</i>	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>
<i>(Children ages 2 through Pre-K dismissed to Children's Worship)</i>	
Bible Reading (<i>Galatians 3:15-29</i>)	Brian Collins
Bible Lesson	Mike Tune
<i>Hymn #698</i>	<i>My Jesus, As Thou Wilt</i>
Announcements	Bill Kincaid
Introduction of Visitors	Greg Spraker
Prayer	Greg Spraker
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Song Leader	Bill Kincaid
Ushers	Jose Arevalo, Perry May

Jonathan Hessling will lead singing this evening;
Habtu Zemech & Bob Sartori will lead prayers.

November servers: Jun Amores, Tre Berry, Brandon Durant, Grant Smith, Robert Spiess, Hal Swetnam

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes	9:30 am
Morning Assembly	10:30 am
Evening Assembly	6:00 pm

Tuesday - Ladies Bible Class 10:15 am
(October through April)

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:15 pm

Office Hours 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Bill Kincaid	Jim Lane
Oliver McDaniel	Joseph Tucker

Deacons

Roberto Alvarez	Jose Arevalo
Matt Bensusky	Ben Bohannon
Ignacio Espinoza	Perry May
Joshua McKay	Scott Mills
Saul Reyes	Kevin Thie
John Waterston	Ken Yeatman

Habtu Zemech

Missionaries

Gary & Sue Babcock, Kent County, RI
Pedro & Mireya Batres - Nicaragua
Henry & Rosa Gutierrez - Nicaragua
Gene & Janice Luna - WBI/Guatemala
Deanna Meredith - Concepcion, Chile
Omar & Tana Palafox - Leon, Mexico
Recardo & Monica Reyes - Cuernavaca, Mex.
Don & Esther Roarabaugh - Torrington, CT

Staff

Mike Tune, *Pulpit Minister*
Josh Byrd, *Youth Minister*
Mary Ann Kincaid, *Secretary*

Statistics

Sunday, October 28, 2012

Bible Study	230
Morning Assembly	312
Evening Assembly	122
Contribution	\$11,223
YTD Average	\$11,817
Budget Goal	\$11,764

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

Classes & Online	60
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Wednesday, November 7
Prayer - Clark Richardson
Song Leading - Joseph Tucker